Plantation in Punjab

3406. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of proposals received from the Government of Punjab under the scheme to encourage voluntary agencies for involving them in forest plantation work;

(b) whether any action has been taken thereon; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) 11 proposals from Government of Punjab under Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Agencies Scheme of the Ministry of Environment and Forests have been received during the period from 2003-04 to 2005-06 (till date) to encourage the voluntary agencies in generating awareness about, and to participate in tree plantation. Out of 11 proposals received, 4 proposals recommended by the Screening Committee following the prescribed criteria and as per availability of funds for the purpose were approved by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Punjab was informed accordingly.

Encroachment of Forest Land in Orissa

†3407. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large area of protected land reserved for village forest in K.B.K. area of Orissa has been encroached upon by the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures Government have taken to get rid of illegal encroachments; and

(d) the results of these measures?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.